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RE THE APPLICATION OF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 2 months to respond to the Office Action of August 20, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than January 20, 2003.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$420 is attached hereto.

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